

7-6 Practice

Natural Logarithms

Write each expression as a single natural logarithm.

$$1. \ln 16 - \ln 8 \\ = \ln\left(\frac{16}{8}\right) \\ = \ln 2$$

$$2. 3 \ln 3 + \ln 9 - 2 \ln 2 \\ = \ln 27 + \ln 9 - \ln 4 \\ = \ln\left(\frac{27 \times 9}{4}\right) = \ln \frac{243}{4}$$

$$3. a \ln 4 - \ln b \\ \ln \frac{4^a}{b}$$

$$4. \frac{1}{3} \ln 8 + \ln x \\ = \ln 2x$$

$$5. 3 \ln a - b \ln 2 - \ln c \\ \ln \frac{a^3}{2^b c}$$

$$6. 2 \ln 4 - \ln 8 \\ = \ln \frac{16}{8} \\ = \ln 2$$

Solve each equation. Check your answers. Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.

$$7. 4 \ln x = -2 \\ \ln x = -\frac{1}{2} \\ e^{-1/2} = x \\ x = 0.61$$

$$8. 2 \ln(3x-4) = 7 \\ \ln(3x-4) = \frac{7}{2} \\ e^{7/2} = 3x-4 \\ e^{7/2} + 4 = 3x \\ \frac{e^{7/2} + 4}{3} = x \\ 12.37 = x$$

$$9. \ln x + \ln 3x = 14 \\ \ln 3x^2 = 14 \\ e^{14} = 3x^2 \\ \frac{e^{14}}{3} = x^2 \\ \pm \sqrt{\frac{e^{14}}{3}} = x \\ x = 633.14$$

$$10. 3 \ln e^{2x} = 12 \\ \ln e^{2x} = 4 \\ 2x \ln e = 4 \\ 2x = 4 \\ x = 2$$

$$11. \ln \frac{2x}{41} = 2 \\ e^2 = \frac{2x}{41} \\ 41e^2 = 2x \\ \frac{41}{2} e^2 = x \\ 151.48 = x$$

$$12. \ln(2x-1)^2 = 4 \\ e^4 = (2x-1)^2 \\ \pm \sqrt{e^4} = 2x-1 \\ \pm e^2 + 1 = 2x \\ \frac{\pm e^2 + 1}{2} = x \\ x = 4.19 \text{ or } -3.19$$

Use natural logarithms to solve each equation. Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.

$$13. 4e^x = 10 \\ e^x = \frac{5}{2} \\ \ln e^x = \ln \frac{5}{2} \\ x = \ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) \\ x = 0.92$$

$$14. 5e^{6x+3} = 0.1 \\ e^{6x+3} = 0.02 \\ \ln e^{6x+3} = \ln(0.02) \\ 6x+3 = \ln(0.02) \\ 6x = \ln(0.02) - 3 \\ x = \frac{\ln(0.02) - 3}{6} \\ x = -1.15$$

$$15. e^{x/5} = 32 \\ \ln e^{x/5} = \ln 32 \\ x/5 = \ln 32 \\ x = 5 \ln 32 \\ x = 17.33$$

$$16. e^{x+6} + 5 = 1 \\ e^{x+6} = -4 \\ \ln e^{x+6} = \ln(-4) \\ \text{No solution}$$

Simplify each expression.

$$17. \ln e^4 \\ = 4$$

$$18. 5 \ln e^5 \\ = 5(5) = 25$$

$$19. \frac{\ln e^2}{2} \\ = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$20. \ln e^{100} \\ = 100$$

Note
 $\ln e = 1$